

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HALL of New York). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES of North Carolina addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### NEW AL QAEDA TAPES FEATURE U.S. CAPITOL UNDER "ATTACK"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, President Bush today gave a speech, and he talked about the terrorist threat, and he talked about the attempts on the United States that have taken place since 9/11. He talked a little bit about the attempted attack last week at Fort Dix.

Yet I don't believe any of the media is paying any attention to that. It seems like every time the President talks about the threat, it just never makes the television networks.

That is very troubling to me, because after 9/11, the President said we are in a world war against terrorism, and it may go on for a long, long time. It may go on for more than my tenure in office. It may go on for decades.

When you are fighting a war of terrorism like that, you have to be resolute of purpose. There's no question that the war that's going on in Iraq and Afghanistan has been very trying on the American people, but this is a war against terrorism, and we must be resolute of purpose.

This week on the Internet, al Qaeda had put out a new message to possible recruits for them around the world. I would like to read to you what was on the Internet.

It says, al Qaeda has a new opening graphic for its propaganda tapes, the U.S. Capitol, that's this place right here, under attack. His quote, "The Islamic State of Iraq . . . March Towards Washington," reads the headline in English superimposed over a digitally created scene of the U.S. Capitol under attack in the introductory sequence of one tape released on the Internet this week.

Another from al Qaeda's "as Sahab" production arm announces, "Holocaust of the Americans in the land of Khorasan," and shows an image of the U.S. Capitol. They introduce a short clip of al Qaeda fighters.

"This is a disturbing trend," says Laura Mansfield, an Arabic expert who monitors jihadi videos on the Internet. "Recall that in January of 2006, Osama bin Laden said that plans for attacks in the U.S. were in progress," Mansfield told the Blotter on ABCNews.com. "It may be that this new imagery is designed to motivate terrorist activity in the U.S., but it is certainly intended as a recruiting tool and perhaps intended to reassure al Qaeda's jihadi followers

that they haven't forgotten their goal of an al Qaeda attack on Washington, D.C.," this city.

I don't tout television shows very often, but occasionally I urge my colleagues to watch something that I think is important. I just say to my colleague, I understand that tonight on the O'Reilly show on Fox Network, he is going to talk about a poll that was taken among Muslims in the United States. There are approximately 6 million Muslims in the United States, and I believe that 99 percent of them or 95 percent of them are very patriotic Americans. But in this poll they found that the Muslims between the ages of 18 and 29, approximately around 20 percent of them, are sympathetic to the terrorists who kill themselves, blow themselves up in an attack on American targets. This is a very disturbing poll that was taken.

This is a very trying time for Americans and for this country. I urge all of my colleagues to remember what the President said after 9/11. Remember, this is a world war against terrorism. Remember what I just read here that was on the Internet, that their ultimate goal is to attack Washington, D.C., and remember that there is a growing number of young men in America, Muslims, who are very sympathetic to the terrorists who blow themselves up.

We need to make sure that the American people understand the gravity of this situation. To back down to the terrorists now would be a big mistake. It's very important that we stay our ground in Iraq and throughout the world and send a message to the terrorists that we will not surrender and we will not be defeated.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MATHESON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MATHESON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### BUSH AUTHORIZES COVERT ACTION AGAINST IRAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the President and the Vice President have vowed to repeat the mistakes of history, and they have put into motion a plan to do just that in Iran, even as the House is about to send the President a box of blank checks for Iraq against the will of the American people.

History is worth noting. In 1953, the United States and the United Kingdom launched Operation Ajax, a covert CIA operation to destabilize and remove the democratically elected Government of Iran, including Prime Minister Mossadegh. Why? Oil.

Under Mossadegh, the Iranian Government decided to reclaim Iran's rightful ownership to its national oil treasure, which had been exclusively controlled by the British, who were taking 85 percent of the profits. Oh, by the way, the United Kingdom also kept the books secret, merely telling Iran what its 15 percent take was.

As soon as Mossadegh began to reclaim Iran's oil, it was all over. Operation Ajax was set into motion. The U.S. Embassy in Tehran provoked phony and internal Iranian dissent, while the Brits engineered an Iranian financial crisis by orchestrating a global boycott of Iranian oil. We brought down the Iranian Government and installed the Shah. For two decades we propped him up against the will of the Iranian people. It was all about controlling Iran. It still is.

Today ABC News is reporting exclusively that this President has authorized a new covert CIA plot to bring down the Iranian Government. I ask to submit for the RECORD the report produced by the chief investigative reporter Brian Ross and Richard Esposito of ABC News. This is the lead sentence in their story: "The CIA has received secret Presidential approval to mount a covert 'black' operation to destabilize the Iranian Government, current and former officials in the Intelligence Community tell the Blotter on ABCNews.com."

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(By Brian Ross and Richard Esposito)

The CIA has received secret presidential approval to mount a covert "black" operation to destabilize the Iranian government, current and former officials in the intelligence community tell the Blotter on ABCNews.com.

The sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the subject, say President Bush has signed a "nonlethal presidential finding" that puts into motion a CIA plan that reportedly includes a coordinated campaign of propaganda, disinformation and manipulation of Iran's currency and international financial transactions.

"I can't confirm or deny whether such a program exists or whether the president signed it, but it would be consistent with an overall American approach trying to find ways to put pressure on the regime," said Bruce Riedel, a recently retired CIA senior official who dealt with Iran and other countries in the region.

A National Security Council spokesperson, Gordon Johndroe, said, "The White House does not comment on intelligence matters." A CIA spokesperson said, "As a matter of course, we do not comment on allegations of covert activity."

The sources say the CIA developed the covert plan over the last year and received approval from White House officials and other officials in the intelligence community.

Officials say the covert plan is designed to pressure Iran to stop its nuclear enrichment program and end aid to insurgents in Iraq.

"There are some channels where the United States government may want to do things without its hand showing, and legally, therefore, the administration would, if it's doing that, need an intelligence finding and